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A Break Down.

Just as we were printing the two inside pages of this week's paper on Thursday afternoon our press broke down and this week's issue is therefore coming to you a day late for which we must apologize. No mechanic could be secured on Friday to repair the broken parts and hence we were not able to get out on schedule time. We promise our readers it shall not happen again after next week as we have ordered a new press and we hope to be using it inside of a couple weeks. We shall then get out on Friday afternoon.

District Court at Hays.

In the Ast case the court held: "A tax deed which has been issued and recorded for more than five years is not void upon its face for the reason that it does not recite the amount for which the county treasurer bid in the land for the county at the tax sale when the deed does recite that the treasurer did, nearly three years thereafter, assign a tax certificate thereon 'for the sum of sixty-one dollars and seventy-eight cents, being equal to the cost of the redemption at that time,' the 16th day of August, 1897, and the deed further recites the amount of the delinquent taxes for each year; the amount for which the treasurer bid off the land is, then, a matter of simple computation.

And in the Thurston case the court decided: "While a person indicted or informed against for felony has the right to be personally present at every step of the trial on such charge, he may waive the right and if, while at liberty on bond, he is voluntarily absent, without having been excused by the court, when the jury is brought into court, at its request, after it has retired to consider the verdict, and the court then permits a portion of the evidence, which has been delivered in the presence of the defendant, to be read from the stenographer's notes, he will be deemed to have waived such right and a new trial will not be granted by reason of the absence of the defendant during such reading. All the Justices concurring."

In the suit of E. F. Madden against the Cheshire Provident Institution tried in Shawnee county, the supreme court holds that the owner of property may agree to sell to one party but if before the deal is consummated he gets a better offer from another party and sells to him, the first buyer has no recourse if he does not know that the owner has not accepted his offer. E. F. Madden made an offer for some real estate in Hays, Ellis county which the Cheshire Provident Institution owned. The company accepted the offer, but before the deed was signed or reached Madden, another person made a higher offer for the same property. The offer of Madden was then rejected and the other accepted without any notice to Madden that his offer had even been considered. He brought suit for the damages caused by the increasing price, which he claimed he was entitled to receive. The supreme court says he is not entitled to this money. This affirms the lower court's decision.

The supreme court last Saturday affirmed the decision of this court in the case of Charles E. Gibson against Adam E. Ast. Also affirmed the decision of this court in the case of Frank Thurston and his brothers in the Finch chicken house case. Also affirmed the decision of this court in the case of E. F. Madden against the Cheshire Provident Institution for possession or damages in the Brunswick Hotel case.

An Opportunity for Girls.

The Agricultural College Industrialist says: "It is plain to see that opportunity DOES COME more than once to people and is coming continually, faster than it can be realized and grasped. Science and invention has done so much, has multiplied opportunities for every one and has not omitted the farmer. It is evident that the next generation of farmers will have taken many steps in advance of this if they take advantage of the helps and opportunities offered. The agricultural colleges in the various states are doing much for the farmer and his family. Contests of various kinds that have been carried on have prompted interest, and stimulated effort to excel in agricultural pursuits. Country boys and girls are being urged to accept some of the opportunities that are at their doors, and not only urged but offered compensation.

In Kansas the Agricultural College is promoting and directing these contests all over the State and a greater effort is being made than ever to make a success and to interest the boys and girls in them in every county. About five thousand boys and girls have entered these contests in the last two years. In Iowa they have a girl's cooking contest every year at the state fair grounds. The contest is for girls from 15 to 21 years and each one to mix and bake one dozen baking-powder biscuits and must cook one steak, and give the recipe for making the biscuits and the time of baking and reasons for the same; and the same for the beefsteak. They are allowed an hour for the work, and a half hour for writing recipes and reasons. When the opportunity comes to the Kansas girl to enter a contest along any of these industrial and educational lines she will not let it pass her if at all within her power."

Forty Years With U. P.

Travelers on the railroad all know conductor Lightcap. The Topeka Journal has this which all will appreciate: "I have been in the service of the Union Pacific railroad for forty years," said Samuel B. Lightcap as his train pulled into Ellis Tuesday night. He commenced as brakeman for this company on the 10th day of March, 1868. He is now 65 years old and appears as spry as a kitten. He is now and has been for many years a day passenger conductor on the Union Pacific between Kansas City and Ellis. Mr. Lightcap has never been in a serious railroad accident in his forty years railroading on this road. When asked if he hadn't rather be on the Union Pacific's retired list and draw the pension that company gives to old employees, Mr. Lightcap replied that his health is good, and that he preferred to remain in active service of the Union Pacific than be on the retired pension list. He is one of the most faithful conductors to his employers on the system, as well as courteous to the traveling public. He is a railroad man who few can say, if any, that they ever heard him make a kick. When his train is climbing up the Harker Hill grade or running smoothly over the level prairies of western Kansas, it is all the same to Conductor Lightcap. May he live many more years, enjoy good health and continue to run is the wish of his host of friends."

Republican candidates must also remember they can only get on the primary ticket and on the county ballot by getting out a petition. No more conventions. It is a free show for all, and the man who has the most friends in the township or county or district is the lucky man. Bring us your announcement and get into the race.

LOCAL NEWS.

Philip Zerfus has bought a 160 acre farm in Hamilton township.

Jeweler Hickman has rented the Adkins cottage on East Juniata Street.

This week H. C. Freese secured a pension for Mrs. James Mains of Pfeiffer.

Andrew Schoenfelt returned Tuesday from Kansas City, where he has been working.

Mrs. Mumford and children have gone on a visit to her parents in southern Osborne County.

Call at Spratt's store for regulation sporting goods. Our stock is best in quality and variety. 18-1f

Charlie Binder has completed the city water plant in the court house and it is proving very convenient.

John Troth deputy rustler for the A. O. U. W., has been doing good work for his lodge at Assarini. He is now working at Gypsum City where he is taking in a number of new members.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid Society met with Miss Freese on Thursday.

George Riedel is placing a neat cement curbing around his family lot at the cemetery.

J. H. Spratt has received his first shipment of sporting goods and has them on display at his store.

The Methodist conference this year is the week March 25th, and Rev. Mumford leaves that day to attend.

E. S. Beach left Thursday for a two weeks' trip to Connecticut to help settle up the estate of his mother, who died lately.

Farmers tell that the wheat fields are in far better condition now than last year at this time and the ground is full of moisture.

Mrs. Geo. Philip will entertain the following guests at a family dinner this Friday evening: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Philip, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Philip.

The lovely weather this week has set many to gardening. Birds have returned and every sign of Spring is here, but it was later than this last year that we had "quite some winter."

A PUZZLER.

He struggled down the slippery street,
He had hard work to keep his feet.
He struck a very icy spot,
He looked for help. He found it not,
His heels went up and he went down—
The shock it simply jarred the town.
And everybody laughed!

She started to take up the fish
That she had fried; reached for the dish—
We were all standing idly 'round,
Watching the fish so deftly browned—
She raised the dish, but it was hot!
It fell and smashed upon the spot—
And everybody laughed!

He started down the subway stairs,
When something caught him unawares.
He stubbed his toe or caught his heel
Or slipped upon an orange peel.
He turned a summersault, and thump!
He landed with an awful bump—
And every body laughed!

The bald man suffered with a fly;
The umpire got biffed in the eye;
The lady left the open car,
The wrong way to-Ta-ra-rah!
The judge went by with a stately tread,
A snow-slide squashed upon his head—
And everybody laughed!

Now please, will some one tell me why
We laugh at times as if we'd die,
When people suffer pain and grief?
Why should a laugh give us relief?
In short when everybody's awry
Will someone kindly tell me why
Should everybody laugh?

—Somerville Journal.

News comes of the serious illness of Hon. James H. Reeder in Topeka.

Mrs. Wheatcroft was taking photographic views at Topeccomo on Thursday.

Miss Mary Haffner has gone back to her work at Russell after a week's visit here.

On Thursday Brownlow Hopper sold his cottage in the northwest part of town for \$1000, to Nick Gassman.

The new stone Baptist church on the Saline near father King's will be 50 by 85 feet and rock is being hauled daily.

Friday morning Mrs. Alois Bissing and children went to their new home at Frankfort, Kansas. Miss Mary will remain and complete her studies at the State Normal.

Don't preach about home trade and at the same time send your orders for job printing out of town. Your home printer can do your work just as good, and in nine cases out of ten he can beat the city man's prices, because he pays much less for running expenses. By sending your next printing order to this office you'll be better satisfied all around, and you'll be keeping the money at home.

Editor Brettle and Will Gerken of Ellis visited Russell this week to attend the revival meetings being held there.

A letter from our former Smokey Hill resident, Mrs. Geo. Troth, tells that she and family are doing nicely in their Nebraska home.

We regret to announce the death last Sunday of the baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Haas. The burial took place in their family lot at Collyer.

Giuseppe Alia, the man who shot and killed the priest lately in Denver at the altar, has been tried, found guilty of murder and sentenced to be hanged.

The announcement of the coming of our theatre of Mr. Bert J. Royce and his company of musicians and Swiss Bell Ringers in the new Swede comedy "OLE" is a guarantee of a clean, refined and artistic entertainment. Mr. Royce as a fun maker has few equals. At the G. A. R. Hall Wednesday evening, Mar. 25th. Prices 15, 25 and 35 cents.

C. M. Rand will be here Saturday, March 14th to buy horses, mares and mules. He will also be in Walker Friday, March 13th. Rand always pays the highest prices. Bring in your horses. 18-3t

To meet your every want

With our complete line of drug store articles, especially with our stock of toilet articles, we are in a position to meet your every want, need or fancy.

Toilet Soap, Perfumes, Face Powders, Talcum Powders, Tooth Powders, Tooth Washes, Tooth Pastes, Toilet waters, Face Lotions, Cold Creams. Tooth brushes, hand brushes—Everything in the toilet goods line.

All of our goods are so selected that QUALITY comes first, yet in practically all of our articles and goods no higher price is charged for these first quality articles than you would be compelled to pay for inferior quality goods.

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C. A. Harkness
Druggist & Chemist

Political Announcements

The Great Bend Tribune says (and it is the same with the Free Press):

"The longer a candidate delays before announcing himself for a county office the more chance he is giving the other fellow to get his work in privately. You may be thinking of becoming a candidate and when you start to see your friends, find that someone else has been ahead of you. There is one way to get on an equal footing. Let your friends know you are in the race. You may do this by letter writing or by getting out cards. No matter how you do it the best thing you can do is to get publicity. In some counties the candidates have already announced themselves and are getting their ticks in."

The Tribune has taken this stand. It will cost a candidate \$5 for his announcement, the same to run in the paper from the time it is put in until the primary election in August. With the first notice there will naturally be a complimentary notice. The longer your notice is in the paper the more often it will be seen and discussed. The people want to know if you are a candidate, and they will discuss your candidacy. Candidates will be treated with the same fairness and consideration. If our space is worth anything to them in exploiting their fitness for office they must pay for it in the same manner as any other advertiser does and in no instance will we permit the use of the columns of this paper for the waging of a personal or abusive campaign."

Hon. J. W. Berry of Jewell County, who was one of the active and progressive Regents of the Experiment Station here and who built the main Normal School building is a candidate for and very apt to be elected as State Senator from that county. This will be pleasing news to our people as our State Institutions will have, in him, a good friend in the Senate the next four years and he is qualified in every respect to make a good representative for the interests of the whole state.

The amount of wheat brought to town since the price has been good, is astonishing and a revelation to those who believed little wheat was raised last year. Twenty-four loads strung out in the distance of half-a-mile were recently counted on the road leading to the Experiment Station.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Hays, Kansas, Tuesday, Mar. 3rd. When calling for same please say "Advertised."

C. E. Wharton,
Peter Boland,
Lewis Hiatt.

H. J. PENNEY, Postmaster.

Millinery Opening March 16th. 18-1t
MISSISS MARKEY.

Gid Joy is down from Trego County on a visit to friends.

Nice canvas awnings are being hung in front of the George Grass' and Nickles' stores.

Farmer Elihu Stout is now nicely located in his new home on East Juniata Street and enjoying life in his old age.

Quite a number of Russian farmers have gone west on an inspection tour of the various farming projects offered in Colorado.

Mrs. Peter P. Smith has purchased the four lots on Normal Avenue lying between her home and the Arnold-stone residence of Mr. Loyet of St. Louis.

Since the fire and terrible loss of life at the school near Cleveland occurred, schools all over the country are putting in fire escapes and are training the children in fire drills. Our public school should do so.

If you are going to marry a girl that doesn't know how to cook take a lesson from "OLE" at the G. A. R. Hall Wednesday, March 25. He does, and his troubles are many. Popular prices, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

Parties are circulating a petition to locate a road across the Geo. Palmer farm. If said petition is granted it would cause Mr. Palmer much damage and costly litigation, with the tax payers to pay the bill or even heavy road damages.

Mrs. A. D. Collier, assisted by Mrs. Wiest, Miss Ward and Miss Postana, received, in honor of "The Station's" new bride, Mrs. C. K. McClelland, Thursday afternoon between 3 and 5. Hays Society turned out well notwithstanding the disagreeable day.

Clarkson's got the contract for the seven low-water bridges along the Saline river, to be located, one at the Barney Martin crossing, one at the Gardell place, one at David Sites, two at Andrew Meirs place, one at Ed Wasson's, one southeast of Codell.

Lucas Sentinel: Ed Glennon of Plainville has accepted a position with Rafferty Bros. as dry goods and clothing salesman to take the place of Charles Bloyd whose time expired March 1. Mr. Glennon is a man of many years experience and comes highly recommended.

Easter comes very late this year, April 19, within one week of the latest date upon which it can come. Easter can come as early as the twenty-second of March, and as late as the twenty-fifth of April, but it usually comes either the last of March or early in April.

The battleships have reached their port and are now safely anchored in the bay of southern California. They will spend a month in target practice and other naval work, awaiting the torpedo boats, that are stopping along the way.

Orders are now being booked for EASTER DELIVERY

Suits to order from \$14.50 to \$40.00.

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